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LDEQ ANSWERS TO PROPOSERS QUESTIONS
RFP No. 5601-10-04
"Data Validation, Evaluation, and Related Consulting Services"

LDEQ's answers to the following questions are intended to provide information to potential proposers questions to RFP No. 5601-10-04.

Questions and answers that may potentially result in the disclosure of information from proposals of competing bidders will not be published.

Question 1: The new RFP references "Standard Operating Procedures and Quality Management plan" in section 3.2.7. This has not been a request in the past and to be honest, this is not a request that we have provided for anyone in the past either. This request, if confirmed as required, will require the process of requesting confidentiality at a minimum. I only ask this question before I spend a significant amount of time putting this information together.

> **LDEQ's answer:** See Addendum 1. After further consideration, LDEQ has decided Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Quality Management Plan (QMP) are not required to be submitted with their proposals.

Question 2: What is the average time frame between data packages?

> **LDEQ's answer:** 30 days, but it varies based on sample collection needs. There may be multiple packages at once or none at all for a month or two.

Question 3: What are the average expected time frame to return the analyzed packages?

> **LDEQ's answer:** 30 days.

Question 4: What are typical sample data sources?

> **LDEQ's answer:** Typical data sources are LDEQ contract laboratories or data packages compiled by an LDEQ consultant. Samples that require validation are most commonly related to hazardous waste permit compliance or site remediation work.

Question 5: What are the average size of packages in terms of data points?

> **LDEQ's answer:** Average is about 8 samples with about 1000 total data points.